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1. U.S. Patent No. 5,011,674, issued April 30, 1991 to Yoshimoto et al.
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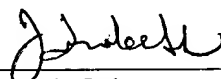
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09/820,367	Sakatani et al.	March 29, 2001
09/819,790	Sawabe et al.	March 29, 2001
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09/901,609	Sakatani et al.	July 11, 2001

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